

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, Applicant has now canceled the pending claims and has added new Claims 13-15. For the Examiner's information, claims of similar scope to these newly added claims have been allowed by the British and Australian Patent Offices in co-pending patent applications.

With regard to European Patent Specification No. 1 006 124, this patent discloses a composition for use in inducing immunity comprising a peptide or peptide mixture obtainable by a process that includes collecting the body fluid of an invertebrate, particularly an insect.

In Example 1 of this patent, a method of preparation is described that includes the use of a blowfly that is bacterially challenged using a needle soaked in a suspension of heat-killed E. coli. Such a method is satisfactory when one is preparing small quantities of a composition in a laboratory for trial purposes, but is totally unsuitable as far as the volume production of an immunity-inducing preparation is concerned.

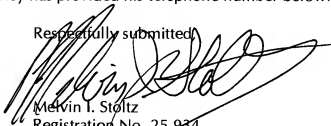
There is no suggestion in European Patent Specification No. 1 006 124 as to how one should prepare large quantities of the preparation. In this regard, the claims as now presented are directed to an extremely cost-effective method of preparing large quantities of an immunity generating preparation, i.e. by the use of maggots, tissues, larval forms or derivatives that have been fed on a food containing pathogens.

Feeding of the maggots or insects on a food containing pathogens results in the production of immunity-inducing anti-bodies in the maggots or insects and the immunity-inducing properties are then passed on, in a manner comparable to that described in European Patent Specification No. 1 006 124.

Based upon the following Amendment and the arguments presented herein, Applicant believes that Claims 13-15 as now presented are all in condition for allowance.

Of course, if any questions remain, the undersigned Attorney would be pleased to discuss any such questions in a telephone call in order to expedite this matter. For this purpose, Applicant's Attorney has provided his telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



Melvin I. Stoltz  
Registration No. 25,934  
Attorney for Applicant

MIS:rpr  
(203) 874-8183